

### Abstract of the Disclosure

A modular casket assembly is defined by an exterior casket box which is created from composite wood scraps ground to a fine wooden composite grind and dried. These are then mixed with a dry glue which is heat or pressure activated. This mixture is then placed in a press mold with thin veneer cover. The veneer cover may be paper, wood or cloth or other material. Typically the veneer is perforated with small pin holes to permit steam to pass through during compression. Any desired image or scene may be provided on the veneer. The mold mixture and veneer is the compressed in wood press. The finished product is a durable veneer with a finished surface. The finished surface can be a fine wood finish, a wood-look finish or any of wide variety of customized images. The casket assembly includes substantially flat or curvilinear side wall panels, a substantially flat bottom panel, and substantially flat end wall panels for defining an open box. The top or lid may be a flat or curved panel, in the standard and customary shapes, and may be a single unit or split as desired. Decorative brackets are used to assemble the casket box. The assembled casket box may then have an interior finish applied in the customary manner.

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